



## SCIENTIFIC OPINION

On dissertation for obtain the Educational and Scientific Degree 'Doctor' in Higher Education: 3. Social, Business and Legal Sciences, Professional Field: 3.8 Economics, Scientific Specialty: "Economics and Management" (Agriculture).

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**Doctoral thesis topic:** THE ROLE OF SUBSIDIES FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF AGRIBUSINESS IN KOSOVO.

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### 1. Relevance of the problem.

The topic of the dissertation is current and well defined.

The quality of life of the world's population can be achieved by creating and maintaining viable rural areas and producing quality agricultural products. In this sense, world food production must double by 2050, to meet the needs of a growing population and changing eating habits.

Food production faces effects of climate change on biodiversity, soil and water quality, and global market requirements. The agricultural policies of the various countries have changed significantly in recent decades, to help farmers tackle and respond to these challenges of people's changing attitudes and expectations. This policy covers a wide range of issues, including food quality, traceability, trade and the promotion of agricultural products on national and world markets. National policies are focused to sustained investment in rural development through financial support to farmers and promote sustainable and environmentally friendly practices.

### 2. Purpose, tasks, hypotheses and methods of research.

The aim of the thesis was to evaluate the role of institutional support for sustainable development and propose measures for optimizing the use of tools, based on the analysis of the status and potential development of agriculture in the Republic of Kosovo.

To implement the set goal pass through the following tasks:

1. Clarification of the theoretical and methodological issues, associated with the state interventions in the agricultural sector, with a focus on the nature of subsidies, their effect and impact on agriculture.
2. Study of the theory and methodologies for assessment of sustainable development with emphasis on agriculture.
3. Development of a methodology for research, analysis and evaluation of the impact of subsidies on agricultural performance and their role in its sustainable development.
4. Analysis and assessment of the condition of production potential of Agriculture in the Republic of Kosovo.
5. Research the distribution of financial support by regions and sectors.
6. Establish the impact of subsidies on the economic sustainability of agricultural holdings with different specialization.
7. Defining opportunities and options for improving the competitiveness and sustainability of different sectors of agriculture.
8. Formulation of recommendations in the direction of sustainable development of agriculture.

For the purposes of the study used different methods of research and analysis. The method of comparison is used in the theoretical analysis of the literature. Comparative and graphical method, method of analytical groupings, method of average values, statistical methods of research and analysis are applied. An assessment of impact of institutional factors on sustainable development based on policy analysis matrices.

### **3. Visualization and presentation of the results obtained.**

The dissertation is written in 194 standard pages and includes an introduction, three chapters, conclusions and recommendations, a list of references. The dissertation is presented with 47 tables and 28 figures.

### **4. Discussion of the results and the references.**

The presented bibliographic reference is from 172 sources, of which 5 in Bulgarian and 167 in English.

### **5. Contributions to the Dissertation**

The report includes contributions for scientific-theoretical and practical-applied contributions in dissertation:

#### **Scientific and theoretical contributions**

1. In the analysis of various literature sources theoretical framework is proposed to clarify the nature, content and features of institutional support in agriculture.



2. Based on in-depth research theoretical model has been established and presented, clarifying the connection between sustainable development and subsidies in the agricultural sector.
3. An integrated methodology for research and assessment of the impact of public support on sustainable development has been selected.

#### **Practical and applied contributions**

1. Through a comprehensive comparative analysis were examined and evaluated the changes in agricultural policy of the Republic of Kosovo.
2. Policy analysis methodology clarifies impact of institutional environment on the sustainable development of agriculture in Kosovo.
3. Opportunities are identified to improve the sustainable development of agribusiness through institutional adaptation.
4. Options for increasing the sustainability of agriculture are modelled based on an integrated approach, as well as on the sectoral and structural features of the sector.

#### **6. Critical notes and questions.**

I have no critical remarks or questions to the PhD student.

#### **7. Published articles and citations.**

Five articles are presented – one individual and 4 co-authored. Missing reference for citations.

Presented abstract objectively reflects the structure and content of the dissertation.

#### **CONCLUSION:**

In support of the above, I consider that Getoar Lubeniqi has developed his doctoral thesis at the required scientific level. Various research analyses have been adopted and applied.

Based on the dissertation research and its scientific contributions, I think that the dissertation work meets the requirements of the Application of the Act for the Development of the Academic Staff of the Republic of Bulgaria, and the Rules of the Agricultural University for its application, which gives me a reason to rate it **POSITIVE**.

I allow myself to propose to the venerable Scientific Jury also to vote and to awards to Getoar Lubeniqi the Educational and Scientific Degree 'Doctor' in the Scientific Specialty: "Economics and Management" (Agriculture).

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